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SUBJECT: ARAB AND SOVIET CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT SADAT IN WAKE
OF EGYPT-ISRAEL AGREEMENT

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER UNABLE TO PROMISE EARLY APPOINTMENT
TO DISCUSS EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT SINCE PREPARING
FOR FRIDAY DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK AND INVOLVED TODAY
IN CONGRESS HEARINGS ON GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR
COOPERATION AGREEMENT. HENCE CHARGE ARRANGED
SEPTEMBER 17 APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY GENERAL
GUERREIRO. HE PRESENTED EACH OF ARGUMENTS IN
STATE 214848, CONCLUDING WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE
THAT GOB WOULD CONCUR IN OUR ASSESSMENT OF AGREEMENT'S
SIGNIFICANCE AND WOULD FIND OCCASION TO SUPPORT IT
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PUBLICLY. TALKING POINTS PAPER WAS LEFT WITH GUERREIRO.

2. GUERREIRO RESPONDED THAT BRAZIL SUPPORTED ANY STEPS TO REDUCE TENSIONS IN MIDDLE EAST, AGREEING THAT POSITION OF SADAT WAS "COURAGEOUS." HE TERMED RESULTS OF SECRETARY'S LONG AND ARDUOUS NEGOTIATING "GOOD." REFLECTING ON HOW GOB MIGHT EXPRESS ITS SUPPORT PUBLICLY, HE SAID THAT THEME OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNGA SPEECH WOULD NOT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUCH ON MIDDLE EAST BUT SAID THERE SHOULD BE OTHER SUITABLE OCCASIONS. HE PROMISED TO PASS OUR SUGGESTION ON TO SILVEIRA, NOTING HOWEVER THAT ANY BRAZILIAN STATEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFULLY COUCHED IN ORDER TO AVOID OFFENDING CERTAIN OF BRAZIL'S ARAB FRIENDS.

3. COMMENT: TONE OF GUERREIRO'S REMARKS WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE AND EMBASSY IS HOPEFUL OF SOME RESULTS. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME ITAMARATY WILL WANT TO PROCEED VERY CAUTIOUSLY TO AVOID DISTURBING FAVORABLE COURSE OF ITS RELATIONS WITH ARAB WORLD, MATTER TO WHICH GOB OBVIOUSLY ATTACHES INCREASING IMPORTANCE.

4. INDEED, IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER MATTER WITH POLCOUNS, MINISTRY'S UN DIVISION CHIEF (AZAMBUJA) VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION THAT BRAZIL HAD BEEN ASKED TO MAKE STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR AGREEMENT (APPARENTLY BY EGYPT IN NEW YORK) AND WENT ON TO NOTE PROBLEMS IDEA POSED: SUCH A BRAZILIAN STATEMENT IN SILVEIRA'S OPENING SPEECH WOULD STICK OUT AND DRAW CONSIDERABLE AND WRATHFUL ATTENTION, UNDERCUTTING GOB EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH ARAB COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT EGYPT WAS CLEARLY FEELING THE HEAT, SAYING THAT OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES ONLY SAUDI ARABIA HAD PROVIDED ANY HELP WHILE OTHERS, ESPECIALLY SYRIA, IRAQ, AND ALGERIA, WERE FURIOUS. AZAMBUJA WAS CATEGORIC IN HIS OPINION THAT BRAZIL HAD NO INTEREST IN GETTING IN THE MIDDLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE DID SUGGEST AT ONE POINT THAT BRAZIL MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER SOME HELPFUL STATEMENT IN COMMITTEE.

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